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KALAMAZOO HOUSE.





SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MAIN AND PORTAGE STREETS.





BURKES AND ARLINGTON HOTELS.



SCENE ON ROSE STREET.





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.





IHLING BROS. & EVERARD BUILDING.



FIRMS and BUSINESS.	No of EMPLOYES.	ANNUAL AMOUNT of BUSINESS.
		BEGUN
Chase Mantle Company, mantles.....	25	
American Wheel Company, wheels.....	250	\$500,000
Ihling Bros & Everard, printing.....	65	125,000
National Planing Co., North & Coon, lumber.....	40	125,000
Henderson & Ames Co., regalias.....	145	100,000
Kalamazoo Pant & Overall Co., clothing.....	90	110,000
American Cart Co., carts.....	20	60,000
J. E. Doyle & Co., candy.....	20	120,000
Kalamazoo Wagon Co., vehicles.....	200	350,000
Kalamazoo Publishing Co., printing.....	28	45,000
Cornell & Co., carriages.....	20	40,000
Michigan Buggy Co., vehicles.....	250	600,000
Merrill Milling Co., flour.....	75	500,000
L. C. Lull & Co., road carts, etc.....	100	85,000
Cone Coupler Carriage Co., carriages.....	30	223,000
Lillie Cigar Co., cigars.....	30	60,000
D. Lillienfield & Bro., tobacco and cigars.....	10	100,000
Fuller Bros. Mnf. Co., wash-boards.....	80	130,000
Wm. E. Hill & Co., niggers and wenches.....	50	125,000
D. Burrell & Son, vehicles.....	18	40,000
Kalamazoo Iron Works, machinery.....	75	150,000
Dewing & Son, lumber.....	180	500,000
Thos. Clarage & Son, machinery.....	40	70,000
Lerou Cahill, sulky plows and machinery.....	60	150,000
J. P. Windoes, gloves and whiplashes.....	40	25,000
Smith & Pomeroy, windmills.....	40	75,000
Winans, Pratt & Co., carriages.....	40	130,000
Kalamazoo Railroad Velocipede Co., railroad velocipedes.....	30	200,000
D. C. & H. C. Reed Co, spring tooth harrows.....	36	184,000
Sol Solomon & Co., clothing.....	85	100,000
L. C. Pratt & Co., carriages.....	20	85,000
Kalamazoo Harrow Spring Co, harrow springs.....	32	134,000
C. H. Dutton & Co., boilers, etc.....	25	80,000
B. S. Williams & Co., windmills.....	32	70,000
H. P. Kauffer & Co., woodwork.....	25	100,000
Wilson & Buckley, iron work.....	12	45,000
Peninsular Carriage Co.—carriage trimmers.....	20	85,000
Kalamazoo Spring & Axle Co., springs.....	40	125,000
St. John Plow Co., plows.....	65	200,000
American Playing Card Co, cards (est).....	40	60,000
Kalamazoo Paper Co., paper.....	44	250,000
Hicks Carriage Co., carriages.....	25	75,000
Upjohn Pill and Granule Co., granules, etc.....	40	175,000
Globe Casket Co., coffins.....	55	210,000
Phelps & Bigelow Windmill Co., windmills.....	24	70,000
Newton Carriage Co., carriages.....	20	50,000

To this list should certainly be added three new enterprises of great importance, the "Featherbone Corset Co.," with large capital and already employing 140 hands; the "Botsford Paper Mill Co.," an extensive establishment, with ample buildings newly erected; and A. M. Todd's "Essential Oil Refinery and Chemical Laboratory," a new plant, with fine and imposing building and all needed adjuncts, and a business already established and growing.

This, certainly, is a grand showing for ten years, and opens up great possibilities for the future. The basis of Kalamazoo's prosperity, as we have already shown, is planted on the solid foundation of the rich agricultural region by which she is surrounded; the splendid superstructure is now being reared by her manufactures, and no man may set limits to the height to which that may go. Her five railroads, running north, east, south and west, are sufficient to handle her wares, and if not, more are already projected; her five banks, solid and reliable, are sufficient to do the business and furnish the exchange for this increasing volume of traffic.

Aside from the mere question of dollars and cents, above and beyond all merely business considerations, what a strength and glory are added to the character of a city by her manufactures! To take the raw, crude materials of nature, and by the application of human skill and machinery, to fashion them into forms of utility and beauty to minister to the wants and tastes of civilized men all over the globe—this is not only legitimate and useful, but it is the exercise of the highest reach of those practical human faculties which furnish and adorn the homes, the palaces of art and business, the temples of religion and education and refinement in this great age of human progress. These very articles and wares, turned out here in Kalamazoo, amid the sound of a thousand hammers and the whirr of a thousand wheels, go all over the world—to North and South America, to the continent of Europe, to distant Asia and far off Australia, and even to the dark confines of Africa. It is this which gives dignity and glory to manufactures.

### CONCLUSION.

Thus all too imperfectly have we sketched the origin, the growth and the present prosperity of this pleasant and widely known inland city of Michigan. We have said little of her outward beauty, though this is probably her greatest single distinction, preferring to leave it for the artist to picture with his marvellous camera the glories of her natural scenery and the clustering architectural riches of man's creation. All this beauty her own citizens daily enjoy—perhaps without much expression of thankfulness—as men usually enjoy the common bounties of nature and of providence. But it is no wonder that strangers when they first behold it, when for the first time they walk or drive along the wide and beautiful streets, bordered by green lawns and elegant homes, under the noble native oaks and the blue summer skies, should break forth into expressions of delight and sound the praises of Kalamazoo far and wide. It is in the deep, rich green of June, or the golden October, when the leaves are taking on their brilliant hues and